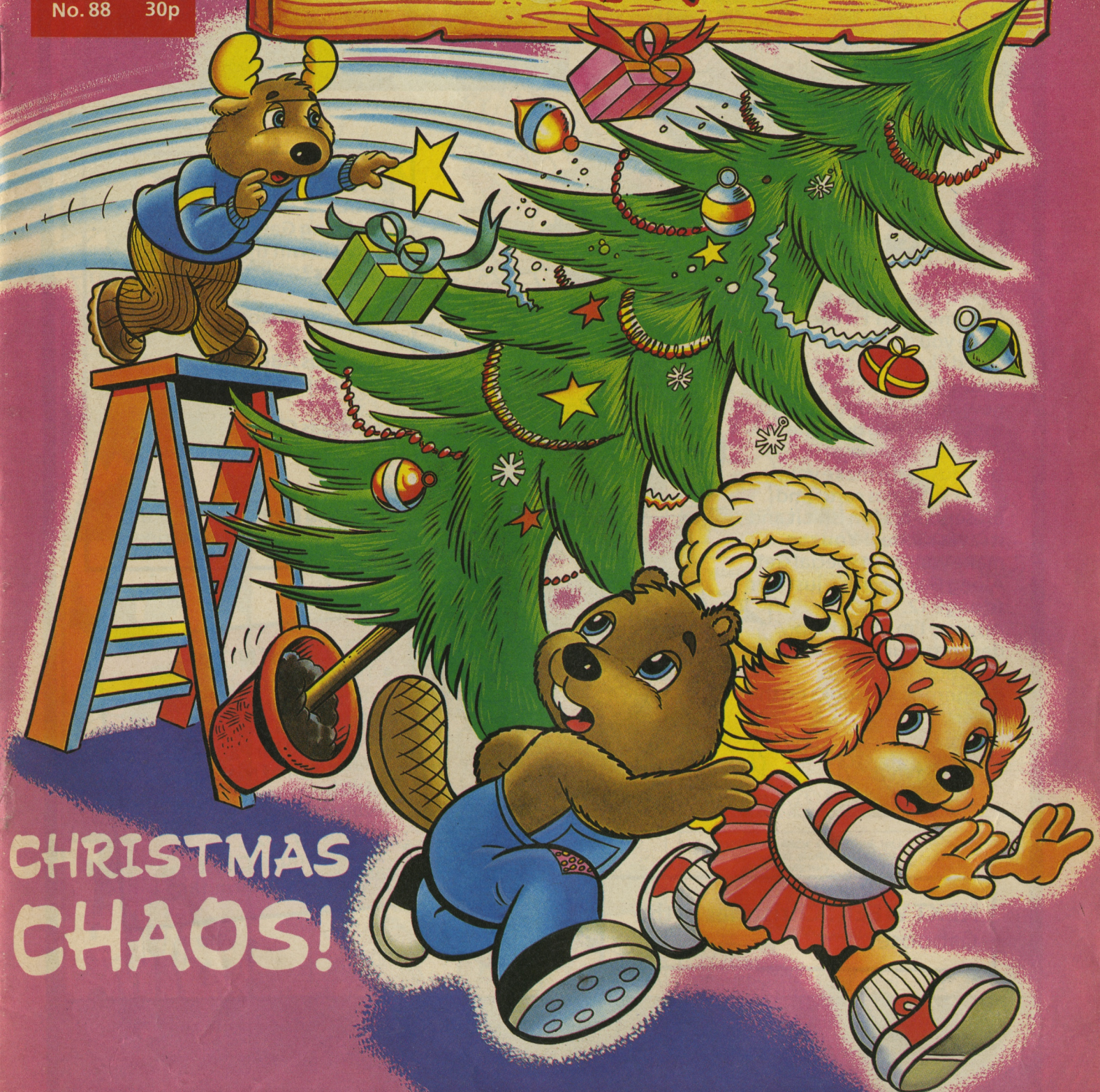


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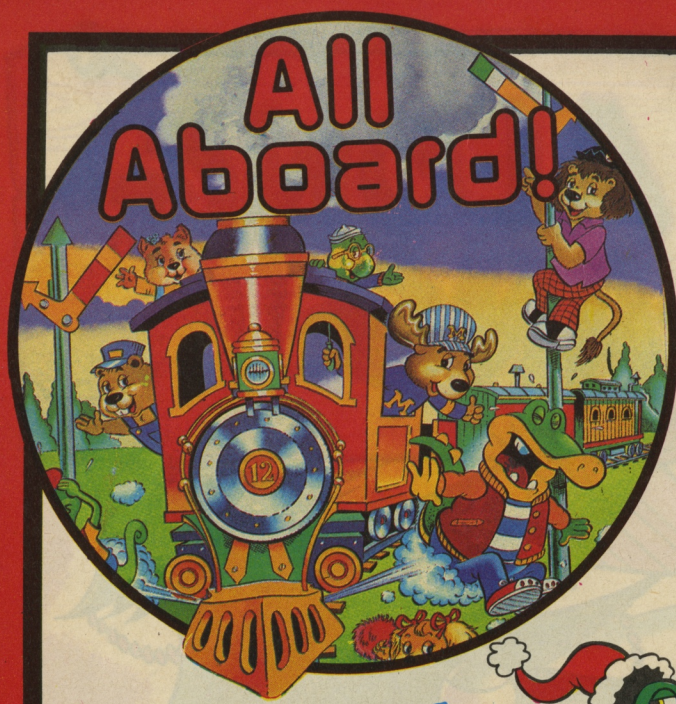


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CHRISTMAS CHAOS!



GANG PROJECT

Do you like carol singing? It's great fun and can also earn money for a good cause. All you need is a few friends, some carol sheets, a couple of torches and plenty of breath! Choose a charity and write to them to let them know what you're doing and they'll probably send you a collecting tin. Be sure to let people know that you are collecting for charity. Have fun!

HI GANG!

Only a few days to wait until Christmas! Isn't it exciting? Have you decided what you'd like Santa to bring you? I think I'd like a nice new sledge so that I can go tobogganning over the Christmas holidays! Do you like to make your own Christmas cards and presents? It's fun isn't it and it saves money! You can make your own special Get Along Gang cards—just turn to page 12. Anyway I'm off to help decorate our Christmas tree, I just hope it's not as dangerous as it looks on the cover!

Montgomery

NEXT WEEK: Christmas in the Caboose!

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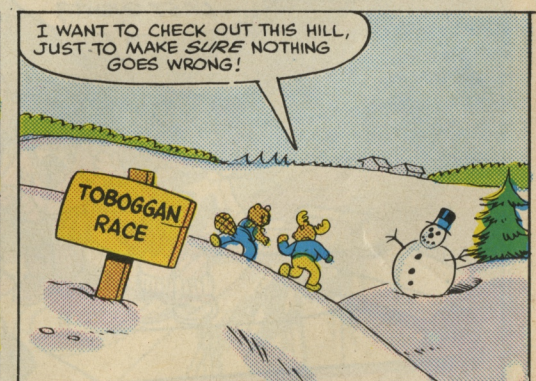
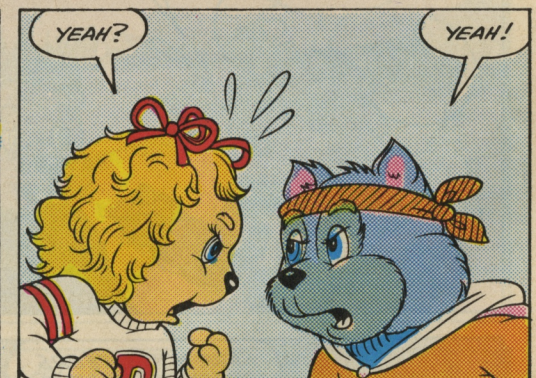
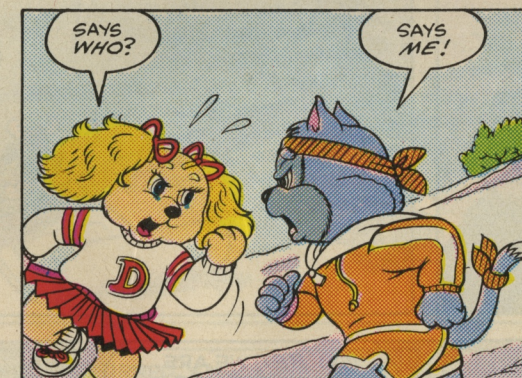
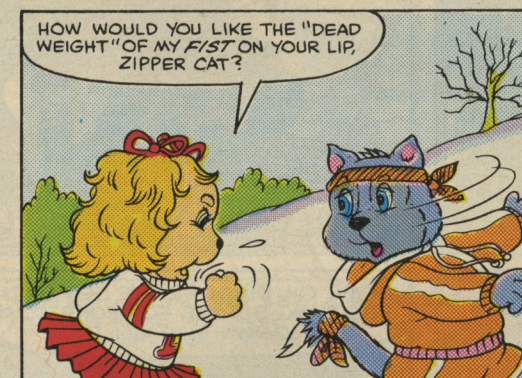
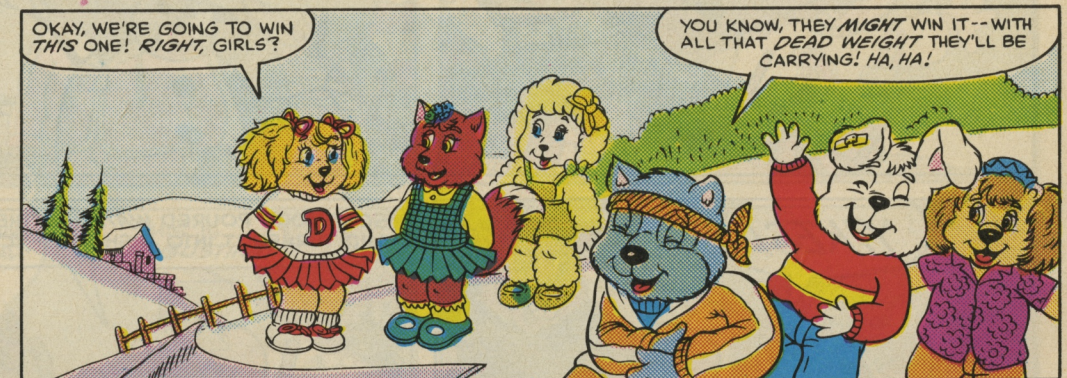
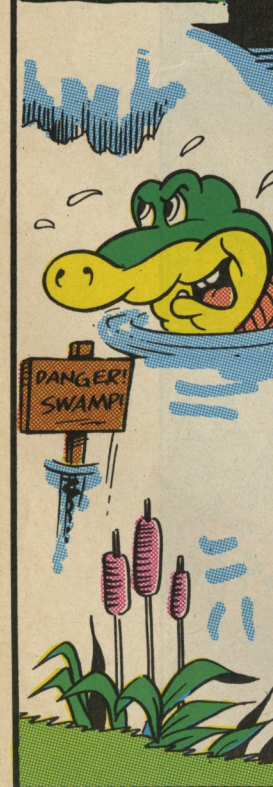
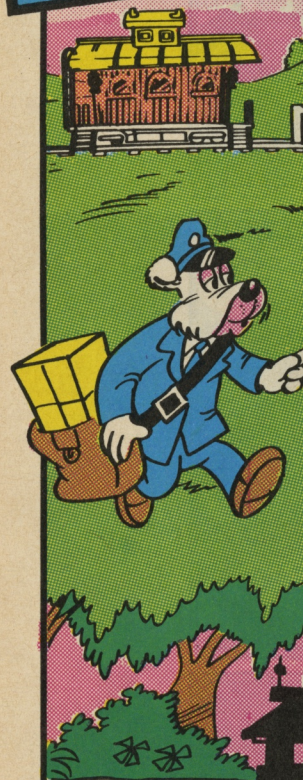
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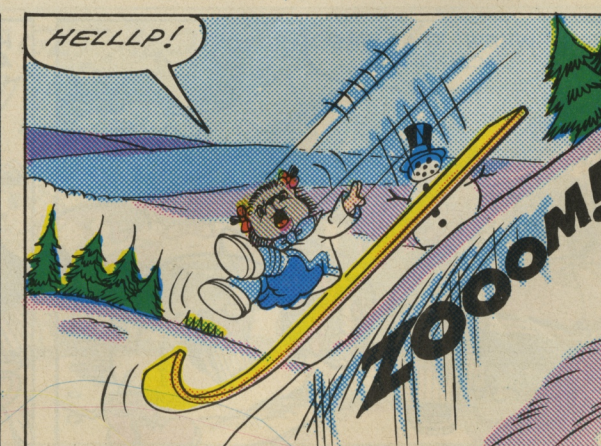
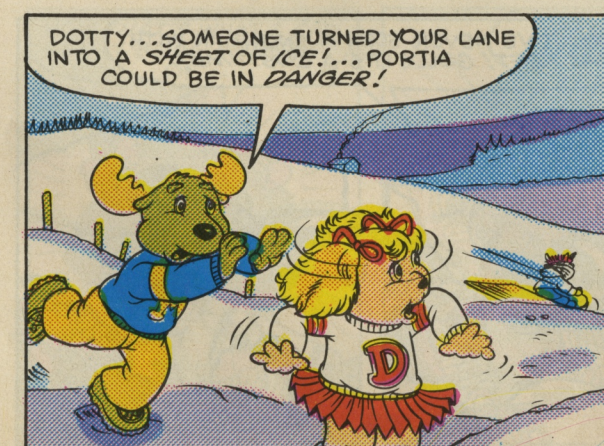
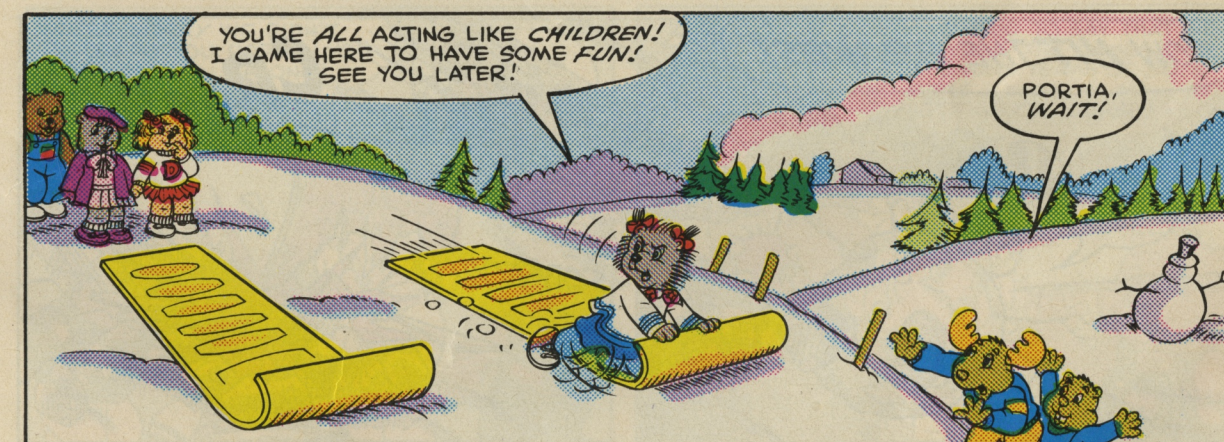
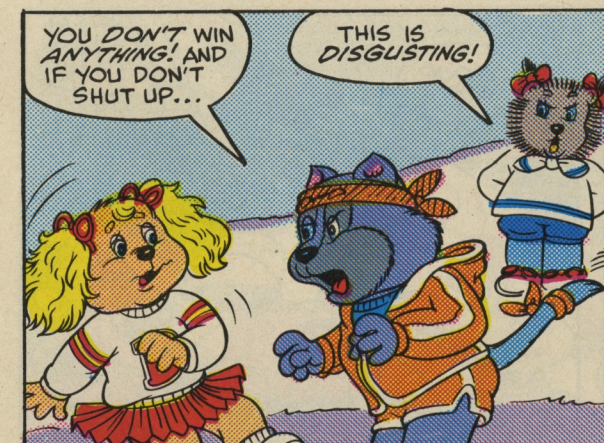
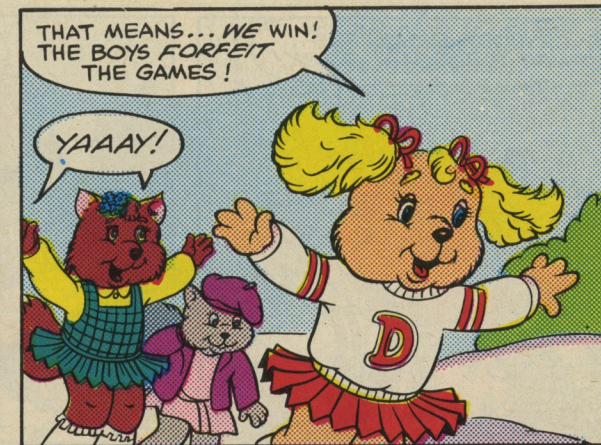
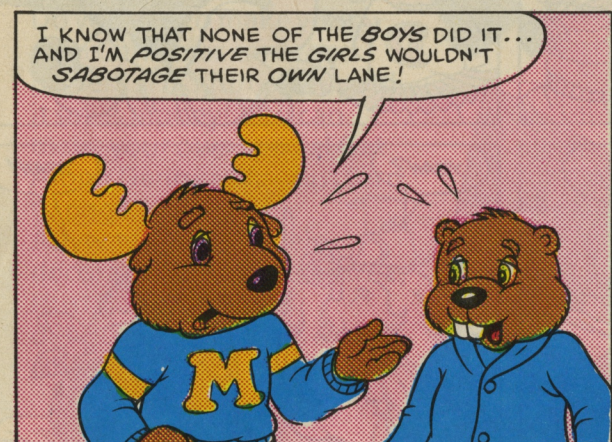
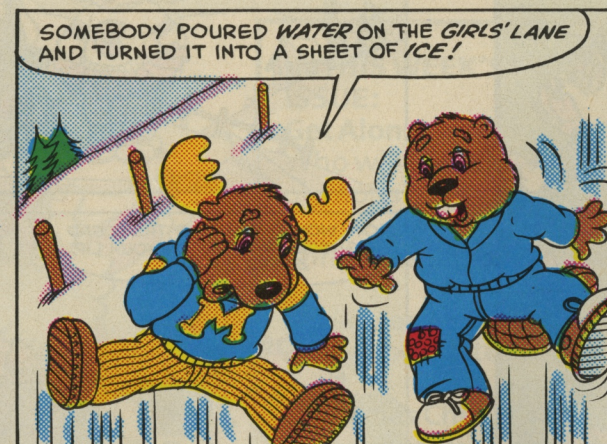
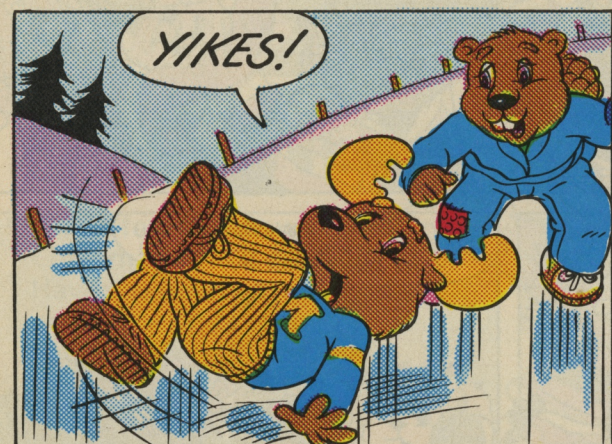
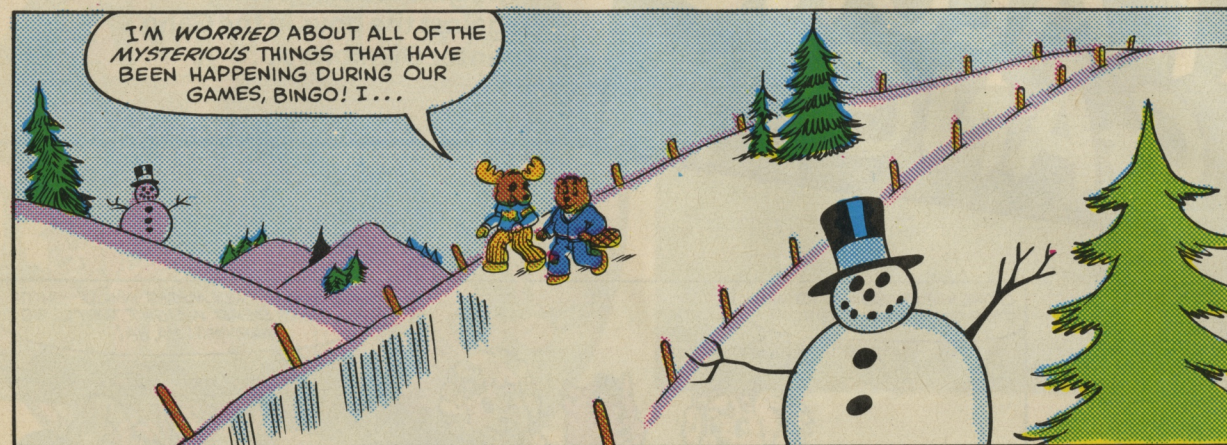
- The largest Christmas cracker ever was 56ft long!
- Mrs Amelia Finch of New Jersey and Mr Paul Warburgh of New York have been exchanging the same Christmas card since 1 February 1927.
- The sending of Christmas cards first started in 1862.

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The girls are competing against the boys in the Gang's winter Olympics...



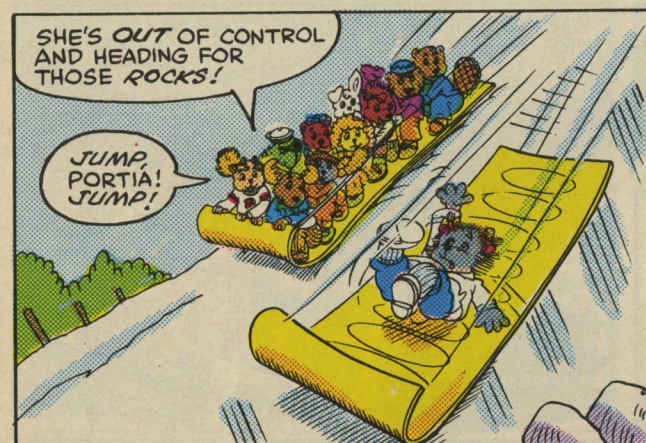




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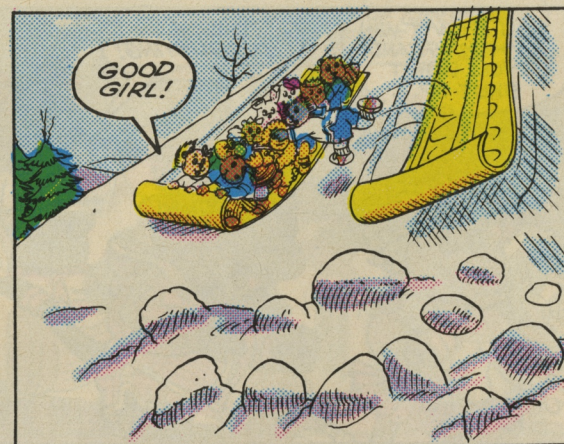


WITH OUR COMBINED WEIGHT, WE MAY BE ABLE TO CATCH PORTIA BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!

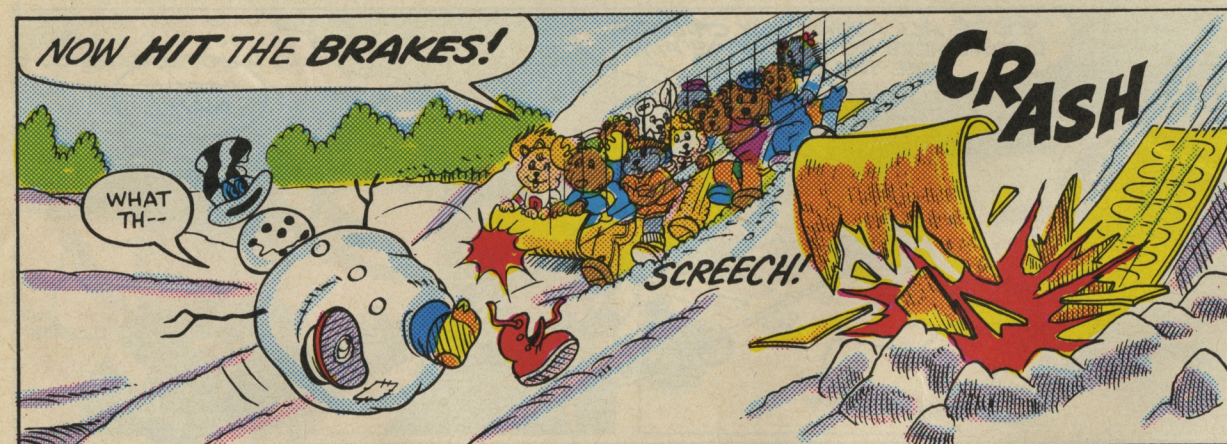


SHE'S OUT OF CONTROL AND HEADING FOR THOSE ROCKS!

JUMP, PORTIA! JUMP!



GOOD GIRL!

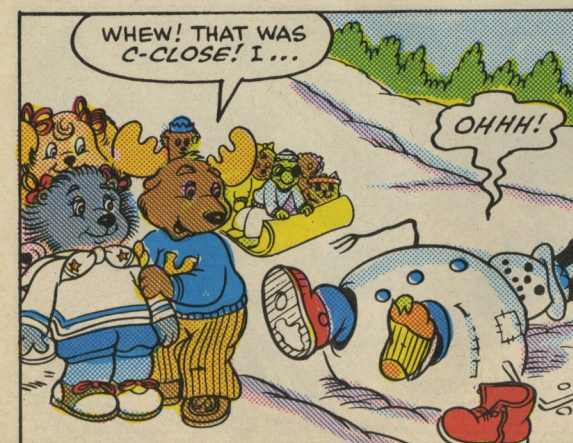


NOW HIT THE BRAKES!

CRASH

SCREECH!

WHAT TH--



WHEW! THAT WAS C-CLOSE! I...

OHHH!



HEY... I'VE NEVER SEEN A SNOWMAN WITH REAL FEET! GOLLY, IT'S A COSTUME!



CATCHUM AND LELAND!



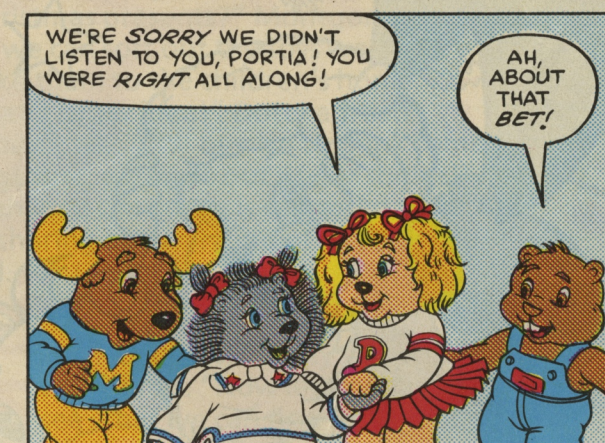
WE SHOULD HAVE GUESSED YOU TWO WERE BEHIND ALL OF THOSE MISHAPS!



OUR PLAN TO SPLIT UP THE GANG AND TAKE OVER THEIR (SIGH) WARM CLUBHOUSE HAS FAILED MISERABLY, LELAND!



AND IT'S A GOOD THING, TOO... THOSE PRANKS YOU PULLED WERE REALLY DANGEROUS! SOMEONE COULD HAVE BEEN HURT!



WE'RE SORRY WE DIDN'T LISTEN TO YOU, PORTIA! YOU WERE RIGHT ALL ALONG!

AH, ABOUT THAT BET!



BINGO!

I ONLY WANTED TO SAY THAT WE SHOULD RERUN THE GAMES! AND THIS TIME HAVE TEAMS OF BOYS AND GIRLS... WITH, AH, NO BETTING, OF COURSE!



NOW THAT'S WHAT I CALL REALLY BEING MEMBERS OF...



...THE GET ALONG GANG!

END

CHRISTMAS CHAOS!

The Gang have got two Christmas trees – what will they do with the spare one?



Just look at the state of this place!" Bernice complained. "It's a mess!"

"Looks okay to me." Bingo replied, popping a toffee in his mouth and tossing the paper on the floor.

"Huh! If you'd look up from that comic for a minute you'd see what a dump it was!" Bernice snapped. "And no wonder with you throwing your sweet papers everywhere!"

"Don't be such a moaner!" Bingo grumbled. "It's only a bit of paper!"

"Tell you what let's tidy up and decorate the Caboose for Christmas." Dotty suggested hastily before they could get into a big argument.

"Can we put trimmings up, too?" Portia begged, her eyes dancing with excitement. "I've got loads of coloured paper at home we could use to make lanterns and things!" Woolma said eagerly.

"Yeah, and we could have a Christmas tree too!" Zipper added.

"Right, let's get cracking!" Bingo thrust his comic under the cushion. "It shouldn't take long to tidy up!"

"This lot can go." Bernice said, taking a pile of jigsaws and games out of the cupboard. "Then we'll have room for Christmas things."

"But what shall we do with them? They're too good to throw away." Woolma said.

"I know, remember Miss Marmot telling us about the children in homes who hardly get any Christmas presents?" Montgomery said. "Well, we can sort out the toys we don't want and take them to the children's home."

"What a super idea!" Dotty agreed enthusiastically. "It'll be nice to think someone else is getting pleasure out of our things!"

"Yeah, and Christmas is supposed to be about sharing and thinking of others!" Flora agreed.

Finished at last!" Dotty said a little while later. "Now let's go home and see what we can find for trimmings and things."

"Nice of your mum to give us this tree." Woolma said as she and Flora carried it into the Caboose a little while later. "Shall we put it over by the window?"

"Crash! Bang!" The door banged open as Zipper and Rocco staggered in with a huge Christmas tree. "Hey, Gang, look at this super tree!" they shouted triumphantly.

"Too late, we've already got a tree!" Flora said, carefully straightening out the branches.

"What! that titchy little thing!" Bingo scoffed "This one's much better!"

"Don't be a twerp, your tree's much too big!" Woolma snorted.

"Ooer!" Dotty whispered "I think there's going to be trouble!"

"Let's take the big tree to the children's home!" Montgomery butted in quickly. "I bet the kids will love it!"

"Good idea!" Zipper and Bingo agreed happily. "Shall we take it now?"

"Why not, we can decorate our Caboose later." Dotty agreed "Come on Gang."

It's a good job we had this cart to put the tree on!" Rocco wheezed as they pushed it along.

"Ding Dong!" Dotty rang the bell.

"M-Maybe this isn't s-such a g-good idea." Portia whispered nervously as the door opened and a lady came out. "Can I help you?" She asked. I'm the Matron."

"We wondered if the children would like this Christmas tree and a few toys." Dotty explained shyly.

"How kind, I'm sure they'll love them!" Matron smiled. "Please come in."

The children squealed with excitement when they saw the tree. "Will you help us decorate it?" They begged.

"We'd be glad too." Montgomery smiled.

"Does that look straight?" Bingo was standing on a pair of step ladders, fixing the angel on the top of the tree.

"Mmm, a little to your right I think!" Woolma told him.

"How's that . . . Yeow! Ker-thud!" Bingo had leant over too far and fallen off the ladder!"

"Not that much to your right!" Woolma said, helping him up.

"This tinsel will look nice on the tree." Dotty said, carrying it over.

"Aargh!" Portia had been standing on the tinsel and as Dotty pulled it she tripped and fell head first into the box of christmas trimmings. "H-E-L-P!"

"Good job those baubles are unbreakable!" Flora grinned, lifting her out.

"Here's a nice drink of pop each." Matron said, coming in with a tray of drinks.

"Thanks . . . Yipes! Uuurgh" Rocco tripped on one of the baubles and tipped his glass of pop all over his head.

Ha! Ha! Ha! The children howled with laughter.

"We are sorry about this." Montgomery apologised. "We're not er . . . usually so clumsy."

"It's quite all right." Matron chuckled. "This is the best laugh the children have had for ages! You've really cheered them up! Thank you."

"It's a pleasure." Dotty smiled, "Cheering people up is what the Gang likes doing best!"



Thousands of kids are already members and you can join too! Speak to your Mum or Dad about joining to make sure they think it's a good idea as well. For a membership fee of only £2.50 membership is given for 12 months from the date of joining.

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ASSORTED CHARACTERS



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COMPLETE AND POST NOW TO:

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Please enrol my child as an official member.

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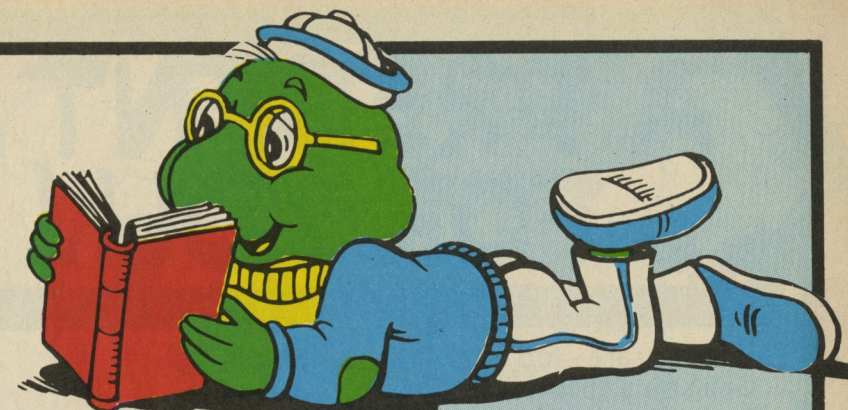
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Parents Signature:

If more than one of you wishes to enrol please print details on a separate sheet of paper enclosing £2.50 cheque or PO for each new member.



AS EASY AS ABC



Capital: The Hague.
Language: Dutch.
Why Holland's a great place to visit:
• About a third of Holland used to be under the sea. The land that has been reclaimed from the sea is called **polders**. The sea is kept out by **dykes**.
• The shoes Dotty is wearing are called **clogs**. They are traditional Dutch shoes and are made of wood.

• **Edam cheese** comes from Holland. It has a red wax covering. The Dutch also eat a lot of **pancakes** with syrup and ice-cream – **yum!**
• Holland is also famous for its **windmills** and **tulips**. Do you know the song *Tulips from Amsterdam*?
• Holland is a very flat country. A lot of people ride bicycles. Many of the roads have special lanes for bicycles.



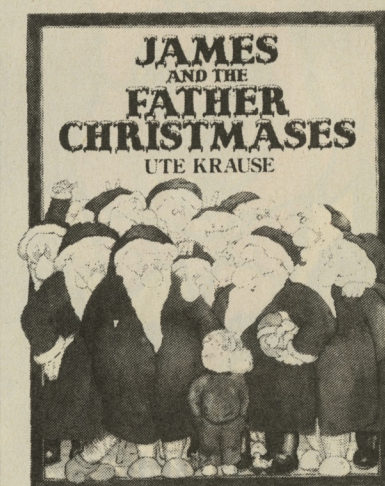
The Dutch flag



HOLLAND

Cut out and collect.

book choice

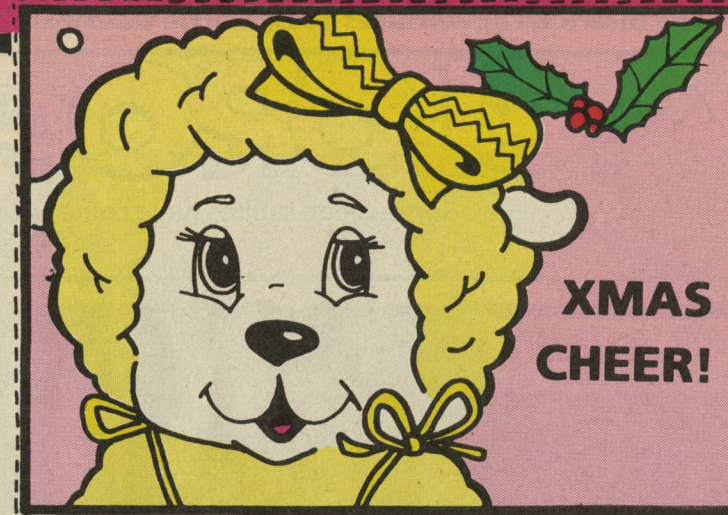


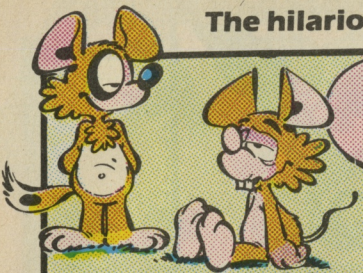
James and the Father Christmas by Ute Krause. Published by Methuen Children's Books. Price: £5.95.

Everyone says that Father Christmases don't exist! Even the newspapers say so! So all the Father Christmases of the world decide to take a holiday at Christmas. But James hears about it and goes along to persuade them to go back to work!

A PRESENT FOR YOU!

Here you are – lots of lovely Get Along Gang tags for your presents and a great Get Along Gang Christmas card! Just stick them all onto card and cut them out! Easy!

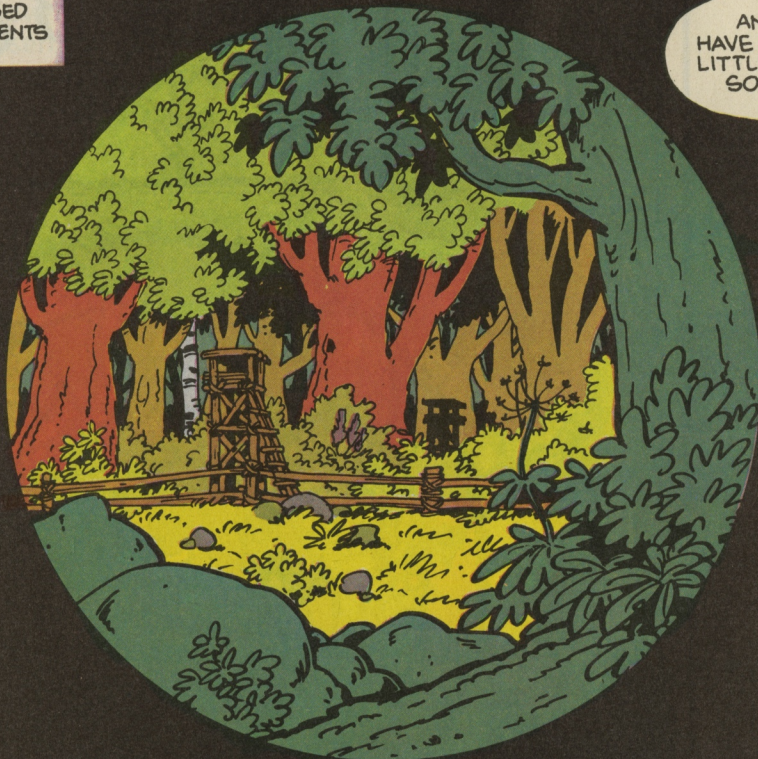




CLORO AND DIGBY

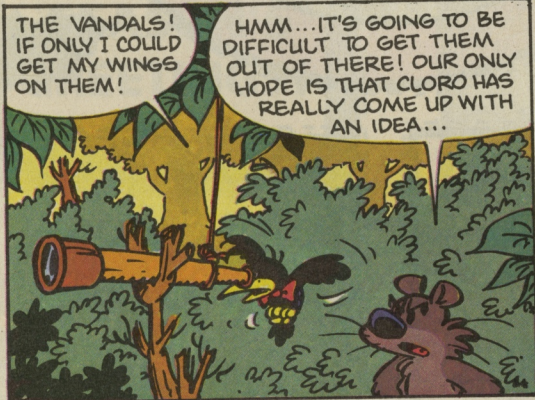
Some mean bullies have come to live in Little Wood. What will Cloro and Digby do?

A FEW DAYS HAVE PASSED SINCE THE DRAMATIC EVENTS IN THE LITTLE WOOD...



OH NO! VIC AND HIS GANG HAVE CHANGED OUR LITTLE WOOD INTO A SORT OF ARMY CAMP!

LET ME SEE, TOM...



THE VANDALS! IF ONLY I COULD GET MY WINGS ON THEM!

HMM...IT'S GOING TO BE DIFFICULT TO GET THEM OUT OF THERE! OUR ONLY HOPE IS THAT CLORO HAS REALLY COME UP WITH AN IDEA...



DO YOU THINK HE HAS?

WELL, HE SAID HE HAD, DIDN'T HE?



WHERE IS HE THEN? HE'S BEEN LOOKING FOR HIS SECRET ARMY FOR OVER A WEEK NOW!

I WONDER WHAT HE'S UP TO?..



HELLO THERE!

HEY! THAT'S CLORO'S VOICE NOW!



YES, IT'S HIM ALL RIGHT! HE'S...OH!

WHAT? WHAT? WHAT IS IT?



YOU'VE GOT HELP, CLORO!

AS YOU CAN SEE!



SO THAT'S... THAT'S YOUR SECRET ARMY?

YES. ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE YOU!

YOU ARE VERY WELCOME GENTLEMEN!

ERK!



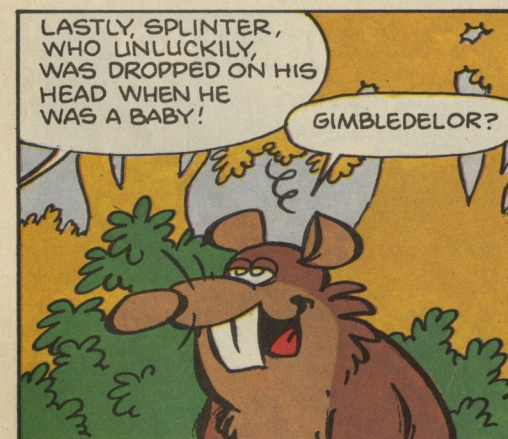
FIRST OF ALL, THIS IS RUDI, WHO SPENT FIFTEEN YEARS IN AFRICA!

YEAH, YEAH, ERK!



HERE'S FRANK, WHO WE CALL 'BOULDER'...

...BECAUSE I'M BIG, ROUND AND VERY HARD! HEH!



LASTLY, SPLINTER, WHO UNLUCKILY, WAS DROPPED ON HIS HEAD WHEN HE WAS A BABY!

GIMBLEDELOR?



YOU...YOU HAVE TOLD THEM WHAT'S HAPPENED?

OF COURSE

YOU BET HE HAS! AND WE'RE GONNA GET 'EM, AND WE'RE GONNA PUNCH 'EM AND ALTOGETHER PULVEROOFISE THEM TILL THEY CRY FOR THEIR MUMMIES!



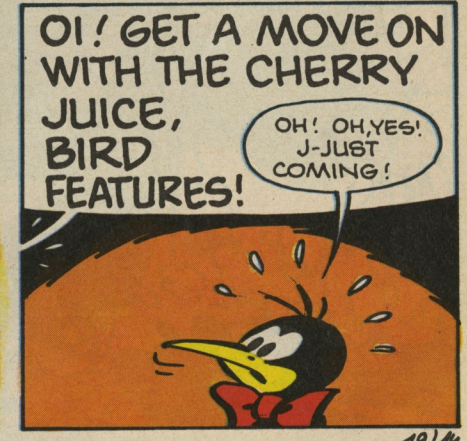
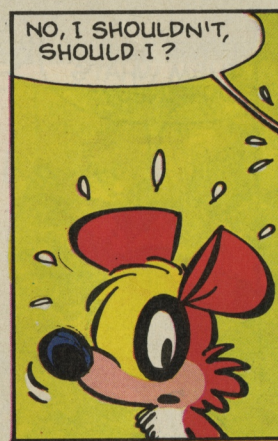
COME, LET ME INTRODUCE YOU TO THE OTHERS!

ERK!

GIMBLEDELOO?

THEY'RE PRETTY NASTY, EH? AND IT TAKES A LOT TO IMPRESS AN INTELLECTUAL LIKE ME!

HMM! AND WHERE'S DIGBY GOT TO?





NEXT WEEK: The great day arrives!



GOOD NEWS
FOR ALL YOU
GET ALONG
GANG FANS

Now you can enjoy fun and games with your very own Get Along Gang characters. Six of your furry favourites are available from Tomy as cuddly, lovable friends.

You can have Dotty Dog, Zipper Cat, Portia Porcupine, Montgomery "Good News" Moose, Bingo "Bet It All" Beaver and Woolma Lamb.

All these cute chums come in two sizes, with their own removable colourful clothes. The larger Gang members also have roller skates that really work.

That's the good news Get Along Gang fans – and you heard it straight from Montgomery.

Get your Get Along Gang favourites from Tomy – at all good toy shops. ONLY FROM:

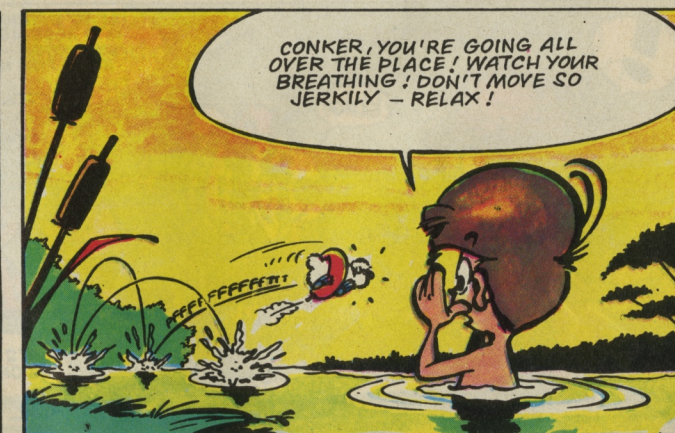
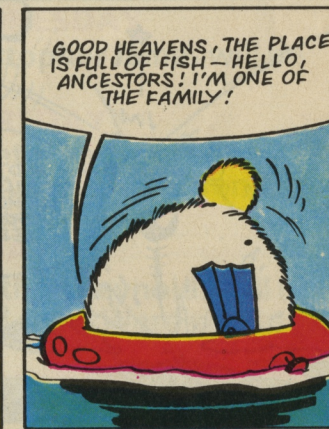
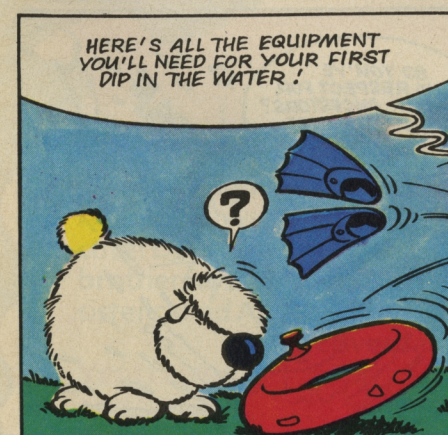
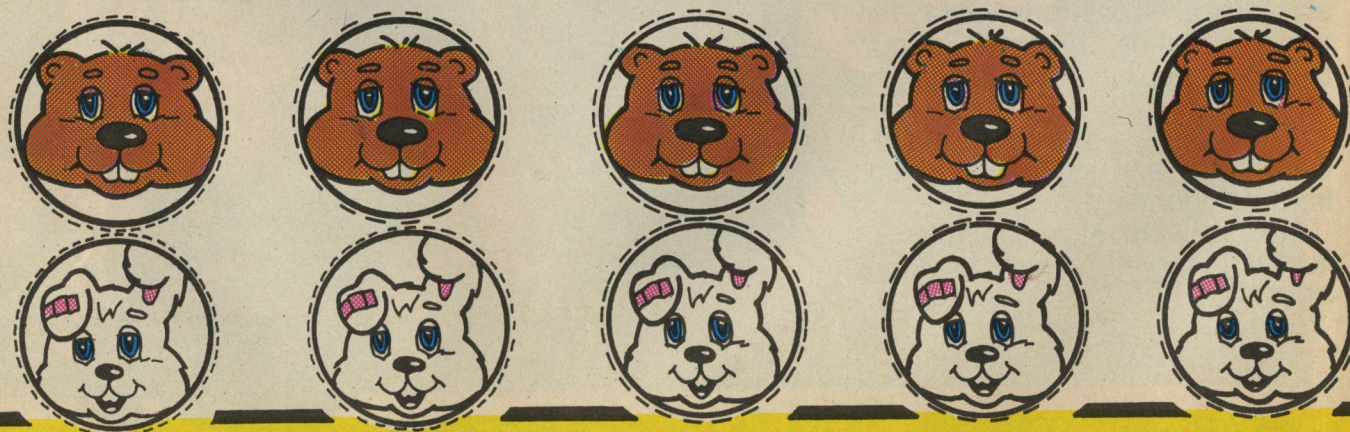
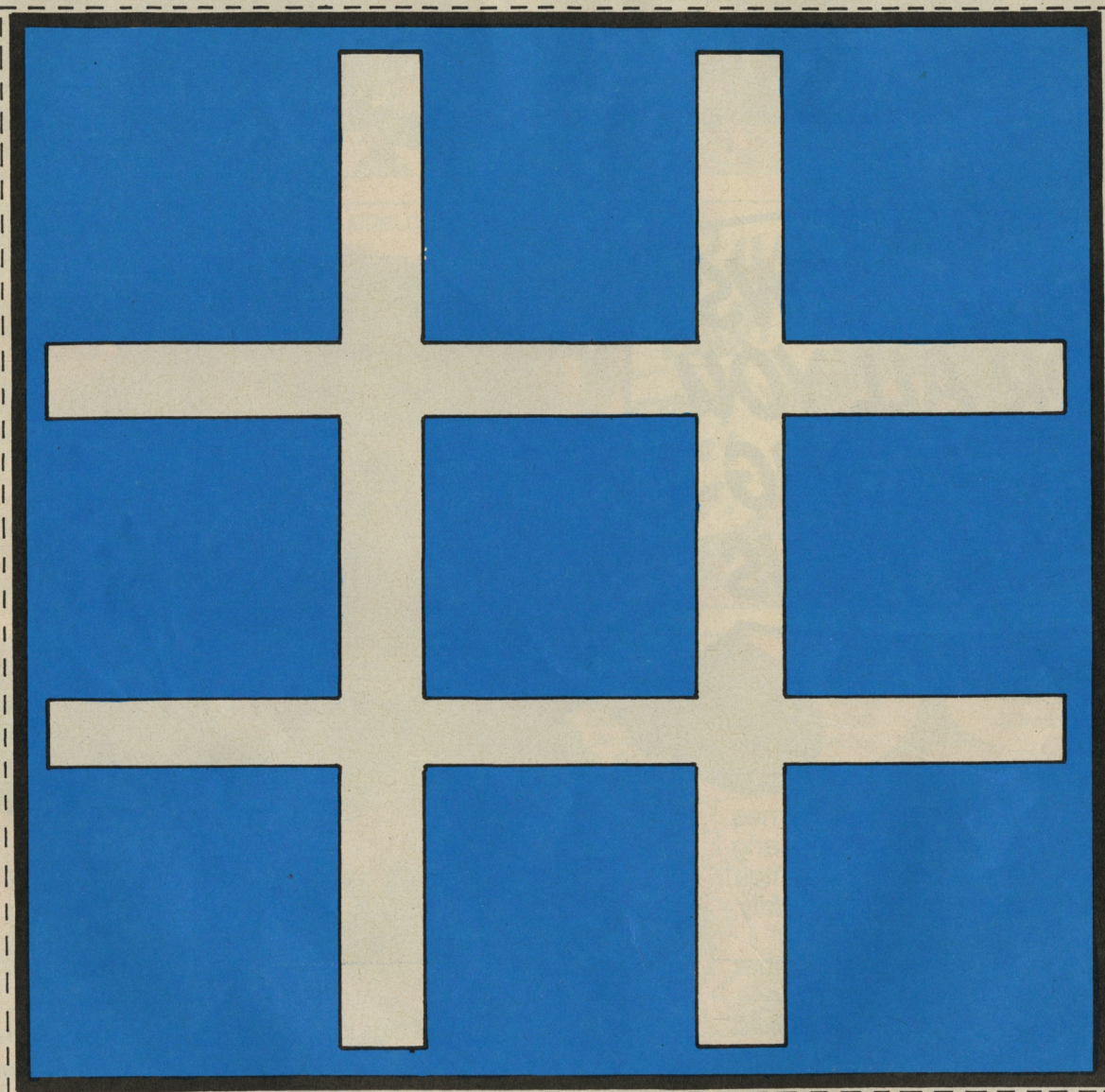
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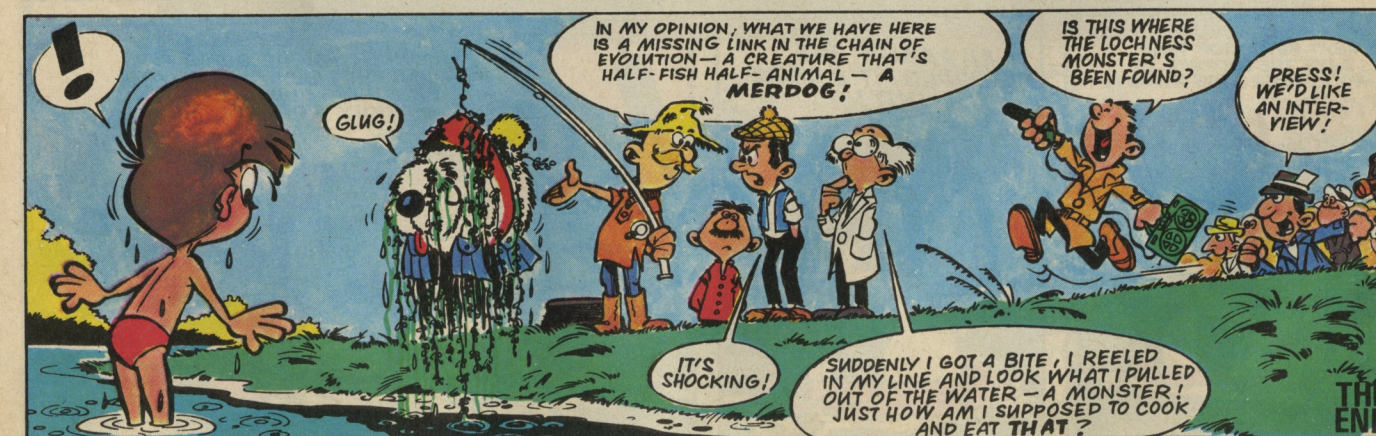
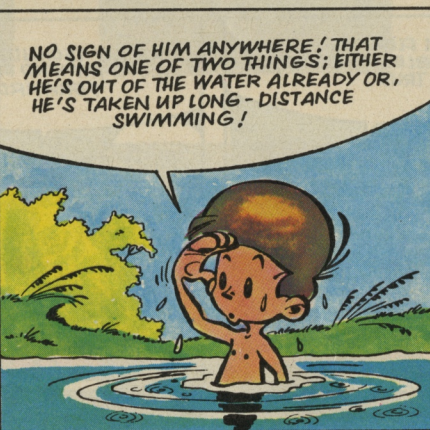
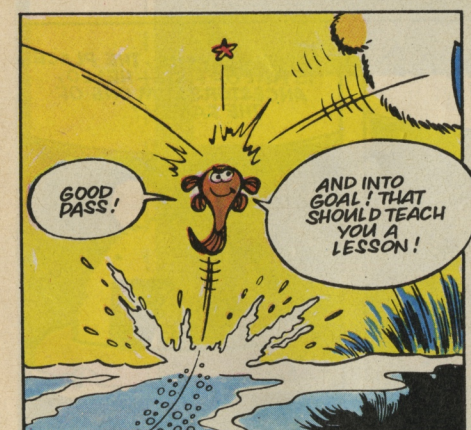
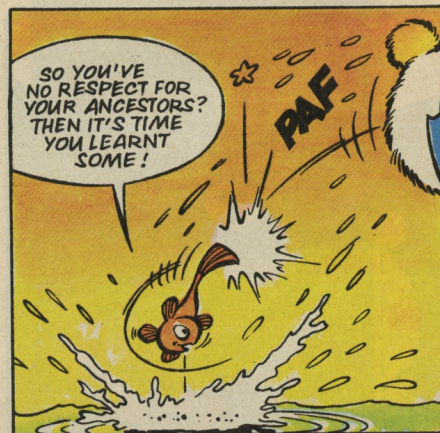
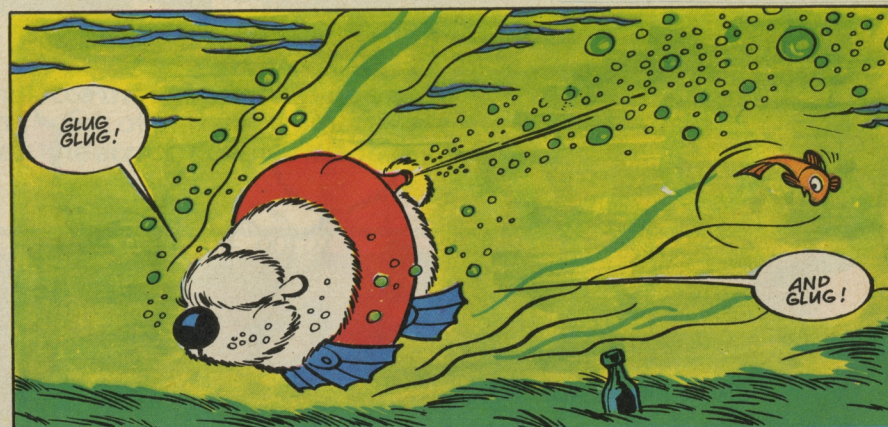
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NOUGHTS + CROSSES

Play noughts and crosses with Rocco the Rabbit and Bingo Beaver. First stick this page onto card. Then carefully cut out the heads of Rocco and Bingo. Take it in turns to place your head on a square – the first to make a line across, down or diagonally, wins the game!





Follow Conker's adventures in Care Bears Comic!

LETTERS TO



BIRTHDAY PEOPLE!

SATURDAY
Roxanne Mac will be 2 and Dawn Ashworth will be 9.

SUNDAY
Victoria Guest will be 8.

MONDAY
Victoria Fielding will be a year older.

TUESDAY
Susan-Jane Daniels will be 11 and Dave Ross (Ian and Stephanie's dad) will be 38.

WEDNESDAY
Christopher James will be 7.

THURSDAY
Annette Forester will be 3 and Angela Bryce-Jones will be 5.

FRIDAY
Jonathon Reynolds will be 7 and Anna Ward will be 7.

BELATED GREETINGS TO

...
Lisa Tuffin (5 on 12 Dec), Susan Morris (10 on 10 Dec) and Ross McLean (7 on 11 Dec).

NEW BRAIN?

Dear Catchum,
Why don't you take Leland to hospital for him to have a new brain fitted?

Stephen Preston.

I wish it was that simple, Stephen. Unfortunately Leland's bonce is made of solid wood!

LELAND'S FAMILY!

Dear Catchum,
I think that Leland is very cute! Does he have any brothers and sisters? I have a sister called Anna. She is 13.

Kate Coverdale.

Yep! Leland has six brothers and ten sisters - and they're all just as revolting as he is! Yuk!

WET BOTTOM!

Dear Catchum,
I've got a good idea! Why don't you put a wet fish on Leland's chair?

Ruth Knight.

I've a better idea! Why not put a wet fish down Leland's trousers! Chuckle!

GUMMYFOOT GAGS!

What do you get if you mow over a budgie?

Shredded tweet!

James Robinson.

Which rude saint is Santa Claus named after?

Saint Knickerless!

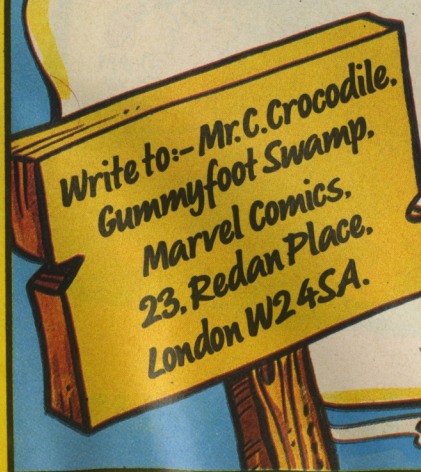
Andrea Smith.

GOOD LUCK!

Dear Catchum,
One day on holiday, when it was raining, I spent a whole day in an arcade. I started off with 20p and by the end of the day I had 40p. I had a lucky day! Are you ever lucky?

Tommy Page.

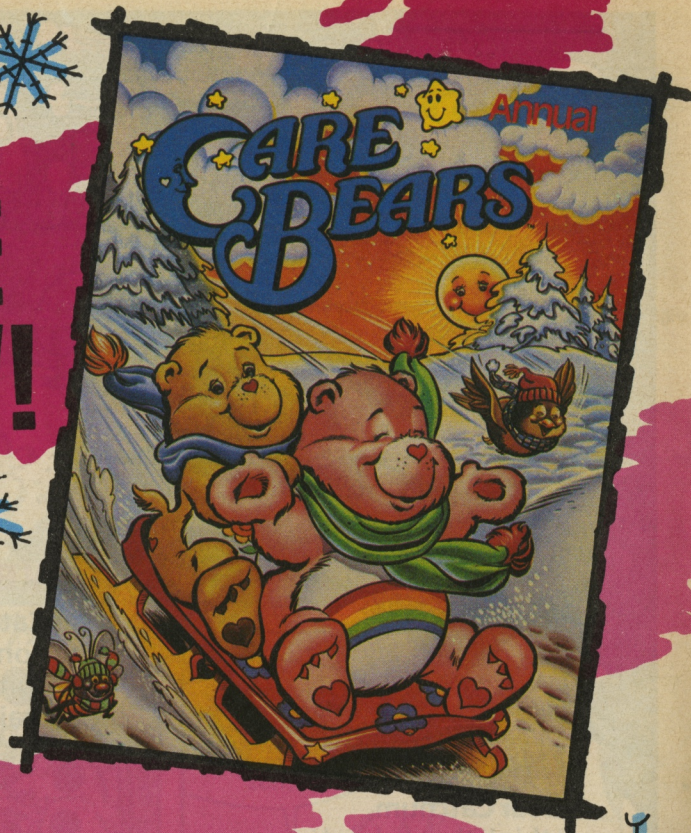
The only time I'm ever lucky is when that daft Leland is asleep!



Please send birthday requests 7 weeks in advance!



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